

In re U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/712,121  
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Preliminary Amendment

### REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13; cancelled claims 2, 4 and 5; and added new claims 18-21.

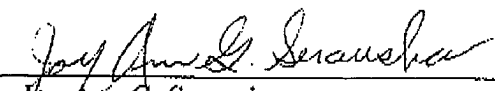
Claim 1 has been amended by adding language which further defines Applicants' invention over the art of record. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in Figure 2 and originally filed claims 2, 4 and 5. Claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 13 have been amended by adding the word "flange" or "portion" to the terms which define the parts of the mounting bracket. Claim 8 has been amended in the same manner as claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 13. Applicants have also added new claims 18-21. Support for new claims 18-21 is as follows. Claim 18 is supported at page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 1 of the instant specification. Claim 19 is supported by Figure 2 of the instant specification. Claim 10 is supported by Figure 1 and at page 2, lines 11-13 of the instant specification. Claim 21 is supported at page 4, lines 3-4 of the instant specification.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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